

IN SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES.

AUGUST 13, 1842.

Ordered to be printed.—To accompany bill H. R. 62.

Mr. BATES submitted the following

REPORT :

*The Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 62) for the relief of James Deatley, report :*

The petitioner, James Deatley, is a pensioner, at the rate of \$20 per annum, being for six months' service. He claims an increase of stipend, and produces additional proof of Christopher Deatley, who, alleging that he "was well acquainted with all his [petitioner's] movements," therefore "knows he served twelve months." The proof in the War Department establishes the fact that the terms of the militia service in Virginia were limited to three months. To allow him, therefore, two tours of regular service, as was done by granting him a pension, was a liberal construction of the services alleged to have been performed by him for the defence of the country. The watching of canoes and guarding against the escape of negroes to the British shipping, and services of a kindred character, is not such service as is recognised as military, entitling the petitioner to a pension. Wherefore,

*Resolved,* That the bill be indefinitely postponed.

Thomas Allen, print.

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